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NOTICE

TO: Regional Medical Officers

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SUBJECT: Care and maintenance of Mobile Medical Team and Casualty Station Equipment

Special Distribution Instructions: To State Directors of Civilian Defense, State Chiefs of Emergency Medical Service and State Property Officers; local Commanders, local Chiefs of Emergency Medical Service, and local Property Officers in each community to which Medical Team or Casualty Station equipment is shipped.

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U. S. Office of Civilian Defense Medical Team and Casualty Station equipment is now being delivered to communities.

Responsibility for the care and maintenance of this equipment rests with the local Chief of Emergency Medical Service. It has been recommended (Notice, subject: "Distribution of Medical Team Equipment," dated April 6, 1943) that he appoint a Medical Property Officer to assist him in the supervision of this property. The Medical Property Officer should make routine inspections of all medical property and render reports concerning it to the Chief of Emergency Medical Service, filing, at the same time, copies of such reports with the local Property Officer.

It is not recommended that instruments be kept constantly sterile. Even with the best techniques, repeated sterilization would lead to rusting of instruments and dulling of cutting edges of sharp instruments. A Coleman stove and enameled basins have been furnished as part of the Medical Team and Casualty Station equipment to provide facilities for the sterilization of instruments at the time they are used.

Medical Team equipment is packed in two cases, designated as Case A and Case B. Casualty Station boxes contain cases similarly designated. Case A is so packed that no advance preparation for use of its contents will be necessary. In order to prepare the contents of Case B for use, however, it will be necessary to take the following steps:

- (1) Tie to the identification tags the strings which are provided for that purpose.

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- (2) Sterilize the Dakin pads. These should be wrapped and autoclaved under supervision of a person experienced in sterilization procedures. Resterilization should be carried out from time to time as necessary.

Certain of the items contained in Cases A and B are perishable and it is necessary to make provision for their systematic replacement. These items are as follows:

Case A: Aromatic spirits of ammonia
Adhesive plaster, roll, 2" x 10 yards

Case B: Epinephrin hydrochloride, 1:1000
Catheters, urethral, rubber, Fl4
Surgeons' gloves, rubber, size No. 8 (latex)
Batteries, dry cell for flashlight, No. 950
Batteries, dry cell for lantern, No. 6

In order that these items may be ready for use and in order to avert wastage of critical materials through deterioration, the local Chief of Emergency Medical Service should devise a routine for rotating these supplies through the cases. They may be removed from the cases for use before they have deteriorated and replaced from hospital, pharmacy, or other stocks.

Batteries should not be placed in flashlights or lanterns until time of need, since this hastens their deterioration and causes them to corrode metal cases.

There is attached herewith a complete list of the items in Cases A and B. The Chief of Emergency Medical Service may receipt for an unopened case, but whenever a case is opened, its contents should be checked against the attached list and any missing articles reported in writing to the local Property Officer.

As shipped to communities, the lid of a Casualty Station box is fastened by screws. It is recommended that the lid be removed and refastened to the box by hinges and that a hasp and lock be provided.

~~Attachment~~

EQUIPMENT FOR A MEDICAL FIELD TEAM

CASE A

Ointment, water-soluble, 5% sulfathiazole, 4 oz. jar	2
Ammonia, aromatic spirits, bottle, 60 cc	1
Compress, gauze, 3" x 3" sterile	300
Bandage, gauze, 2"	24
Bandage, muslin, 4"	24
Bandage, triangular, muslin	24
Cotton, absorbent, roll, sterile	2 oz.
Plaster, adhesive, 2" x 10 yards, roll	2
Depressors, tongue, wood	24
Applicators, wood	24
Towels, hand	12
Tourniquet, field, web	3

CASE B

INSTRUMENTS

Scissors, surgical, Mayo 5½" curved	1
Scissors, surgical, Mayo 5½" straight	1
Scissors, bandage, angular, 7½"	2
Forceps, hemostatic, Rochester, curved, 6¼"	6
Forceps, hemostatic, Rankin-Kelly, straight, 5½"	6
Forceps, tissue, spring, 4½"	1
Forceps, tissue, spring, mouse-tooth, 5½"	1
Forceps, tongue holding, 7"	1
Tube, breathing, airway, adult	1
Tube, breathing, airway, child	1
Retractor, tissue, double-end nested 9" and 10" Army type, pair	1
Syringe, hypodermic, Luer, 2 cc	2
Needles, hypodermic, 25 gage, ½"	12
Needles, hypodermic, 19 gage, 1 3/4"	6
Tubes, constriction, length 3", for needles	12
Stoppers, tube, constriction, for needles	12
Handles, Bard Parker, No. 3	2
Blades, Bard Parker, No. 10, package of 6	1

SUTURE MATERIAL

Catgut, plain No. 1, tubes, boilable	6
Silk, dermal, medium, 40" strand	6
Needles, suture, catgut, size 1, 3/8s circle, trochar point, Mayo	6
Needles, cutting edge, straight	6
Morphine sulfate hypomatic ampoule, ¼ grain*	20
Morphine sulfate hypomatic ampoule, ½ grain*	10
Sulfanilamide, crystalline in 5 gram envelopes, shaker top	12
Ointment, ophthalmic, boric acid, 5%, tube, 4 gram	1
Alcohol, denatured, ethyl, bottle	1 pt.
Sodium bicarbonate	½ lb.
Phenobarbital tablets, ½ grain	100
Caffeine sodium benzoate, ampoules, 7.5 grains	12
Epinephrin hydrochloride, 1:1000 solution, 1 oz. bottle	1

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EQUIPMENT FOR A MEDICAL FIELD TEAM (Continued)

MISCELLANEOUS SUPPLIES

Cotton, batting, roll	1 lb.
Pad, surgical, 8" x 10" (Dakin)	12
First-Aid dressing, large, Carlisle Model	12
Pins, safety, large	48
Splints, basswood	10
Sheeting, synthetic rubber, 45" x 72"	1
Basins, white enamel, 10" x 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ " x 2" (one with cover)	2
Stove, gasoline, Coleman	1
Pencil, indelible	1
Pencil, dermatographic, red	1
Pads, heating, chemical	4
Pads, heating, refills, chemical	4
Gloves, surgeon's rubber, size No. 8, latex, pair	2
Flashlight, two-cell	1
Battery, dry cell, for flashlight, No. 950	4
Lantern, electric, dry-cell type	1
Battery, dry-cell, for lantern, No. 6	2
Cups, paper	25
Brush, hand, scrub, fiber	1
Soap, hand, bar	2
Matches, safety, small box	3
Bag, laundry, small	1
Tags, identification, books of 20	6
Casualty Record Book	1
Cases, waterproof	2

EQUIPMENT FOR A CASUALTY STATION

DRUGS

Morphine sulfate, hypomatic ampoule, $\frac{1}{4}$ grain*	40
Morphine sulfate, hypomatic ampoule, $\frac{1}{2}$ grain*	20
Sulfanilamide, crystalline, 5-gram package, shaker top	24
Ointment, ophthalmic, boric acid, 5%, tube 4-gram	2
Ointment, sulfathiazole, water-soluble, 5%, 4-oz. jar	4
Alcohol, denatured, ethyl	2 pts.
Ammonia, aromatic spirits, bottle 60 cc	2
Sodium bicarbonate, $\frac{1}{2}$ -lb. packages	2
Phenobarbital tablets, $\frac{1}{2}$ grain	200
Caffeine sodium benzoate ampoules, 7.5 grain	24
Procaine hydrochloride tablets, 3 grain	100
Sodium chloride, compressed tablets, 1 gram	100

SUTURE MATERIAL

Catgut, plain No. 1, tubes, boilable	12
Silk, dermal, medium, 40" strand	12
Needles, suture, size No. 1 3/8" circle, trochar point, Mayo	12
Needles, cutting edge, straight	12

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EQUIPMENT FOR A CASUALTY STATION (Continued)

TRACTION SPLINTS

Splint, arm, hinge, Thomas	6
Splint, leg, half-ring, Army type	6

DRESSINGS AND BANDAGES

Compress, gauze, 3" x 3", sterile	600
Pad, surgical, 8" x 10" Dakin	24
Bandage, gauze, 2"	48
Bandage, muslin, 4"	48
Bandage, triangular, muslin	48
Cotton, absorbent, roll, sterile	1 lb.
Cotton, batting, roll	2 lb.
First-Aid dressing, large, Carlisle Model	24
Plaster, adhesive, 2" x 10 yards, roll	4

MISCELLANEOUS SUPPLIES

Pins, safety, large	96
Splints, basswood	30
Depressors, tongue, wood	96
Applicators, wood	48
Sheeting, synthetic rubber, 45" x 72"	2
Basins, white enamel, 10" x 8½" x 2" (2 with cover)	4
Stove, gasoline, Coleman	2
Catheter, urethral, rubber, Fl4	4
Pencil, indelible	4
Pencil, dermatographic, red	4
Pads, heating, chemical	8
Pads, heating, refills, chemical	8
Gloves, surgeon's, rubber, size 8, latex, pair	4
Lantern, electric, dry-cell	2
Batteries, dry-cell, lantern, No. 6	6
Cups, paper	50
Brush, hand, scrub	2
Soap, hand, bar	4
Towels, hand	24
Matches, safety, package of 12 boxes	1
Tourniquet, field, web	6
Bag, laundry, small	2
Tags, identification book, books of 20	12
Razor, safety	1
Blades, safety razor	16

